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INTRODUCING THE FIRST NATIONAL FARM BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB CAMP

You are invited to a share by proxy in the events of the first national farm boys' and girls' 4-H club camp, with the boys and girls who acted as reporters on the camp newspaper as your representatives. We in the department who were so fortunate as to be connected with the camp found the days from the 16th to the 23d of June filled with happy and stimulating experiences, and we feel that you should share our acquaintance with this enthusiastic and capable group of young people through their own daily stories in the newspaper of the camp, the 4-H FORAGE. The seven issues are therefore reprinted as the July number of the BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB LEADER. A summary of the junior conferences, which could not be completed in time for the newspaper, is also included.

One of the most striking features of the camp, however, you will not find in the newspaper,--that is, the deep impression which the camp made upon the people who came in contact with it, a keen realization that we must have the partnership of these young people if we are to succeed in our work for a constantly improving rural America, and a feeling that if we do our share, we shall have them whole-heartedly with us.

C. W. Warburton

Director of Extension Work

The first national boys' and girls' 4-H club camp is a thing of the past. The club leaders present expressed their belief that it was a well-organized and well-conducted camp. The club members passed enthusiastic resolutions about it. The question arises, of course, as to whether it was worth the time and effort expended. We are inclined to think it was.

Probably the chief value of a national club camp lies in its effect on club morale the country over. The camp gives club work a national setting, gives all the club leaders something by which to compare their own efforts along similar lines at home.

Should the State extension services think it worth while, after hearing the reports from the leaders and club members present, it is probable that the camp will be continued as a permanent feature of club work.

C. B. Smith

Chief, Office of Cooperative Extension Work

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THE JUNIOR CONFERENCES

Provision was made in the program of the camp for four conferences of the 4-H club delegates. As many as possible were given an opportunity to learn how to lead in group discussions, singing, and play during these conferences in the hope that thereby they would return to their respective communities better equipped to take their places as leaders along several lines.

The general session of each conference opened with a few songs and games that could be taught easily to small club groups. Several talks were also given during the general sessions. The objectives were stated by C. B. Smith, chief, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, who said in summarizing: "The thought I want to leave with you is, if you want the most happiness all through your life, don't strive for the prize but strive, rather, with all your might to do the work that lies before you to the very best that is in your power to do. If you do this, you will never be disappointed. Honor will always be yours. You will be a distinguished man or woman wherever you live. With such a plan on your part you will be bound to play a leading part in your nation's affairs, for it is written, 'See'st thou a man diligent in his business; he shall stand before kings'." A. B. Graham, in charge, subject-matter specialists, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, gave suggestions regarding "How to make a talk." C. H. Hanson, specialist in visual instruction, of the same office, discussed "The use of illustrative material in the promotion of 4-H club work," and illustrated his talk throughout with lantern slides.

For the second part of each session the delegates were divided into six groups to discuss the following topics as they relate to club work: Service, cooperation, achievement, and measurement. Each group was guided in the discussions by a different State club leader for each session. In this way the delegates were given an opportunity to become better acquainted with the State leaders in attendance. Each State leader acting as an adviser to a group was given guide questions for each topic and a "key," the information contained, however, being intended to be merely suggestive.

A chairman and a secretary for each group were also elected. The six chairmen and six secretaries met each day with Dorothy Emerson, girls' club agent for Maryland, to summarize the discussions and prepare a report for presentation to all the delegates on the day following each discussion. At the close W. H. Palmer, State club leader in Ohio, who had charge of the discussion groups, made a summary of all the discussions. The delegates also presented a report enthusiastically commending the plan of the conferences and suggesting several improvements to be made next year. Throughout the encampment, the young people also proved that the idealism expressed in their discussions was being incorporated in their everyday living, says Gertrude L. Warren, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, who was responsible for the plans of the junior conferences.

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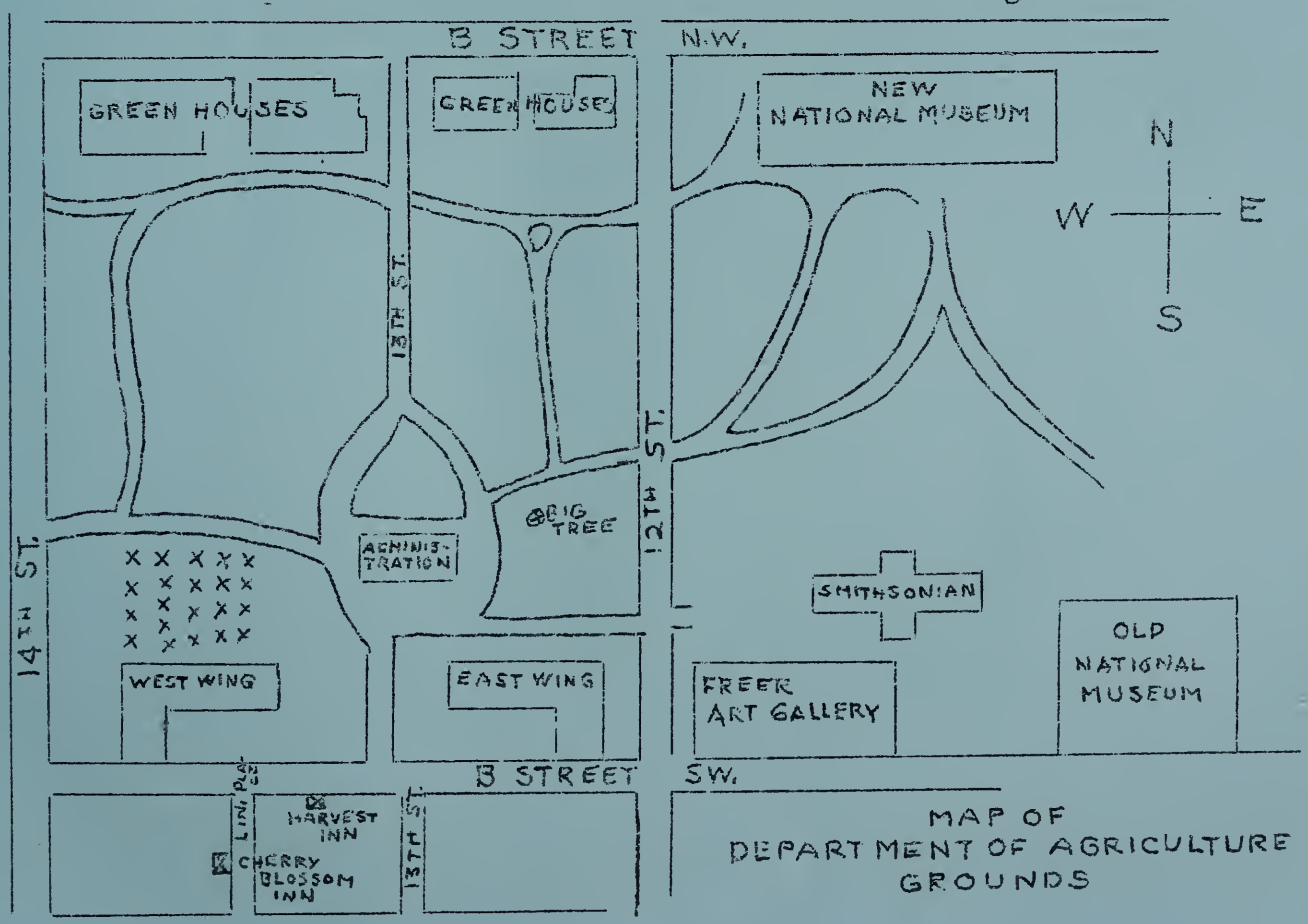
GREETINGS FROM THE SECRETARY

It is with especial pleasure and pride that the United States Department of Agriculture welcomes the representatives of the 600,000 members of 4-H clubs to their first national camp and conference - pleasure that we may have this opportunity of becoming better acquainted, and pride that it was your efforts to put the results of the work of the department and the State agricultural colleges into common practice which brought about the achievements that won for you the privilege of attending the camp. We hope that your week with us may be one of good times and of worth-while accomplishments.

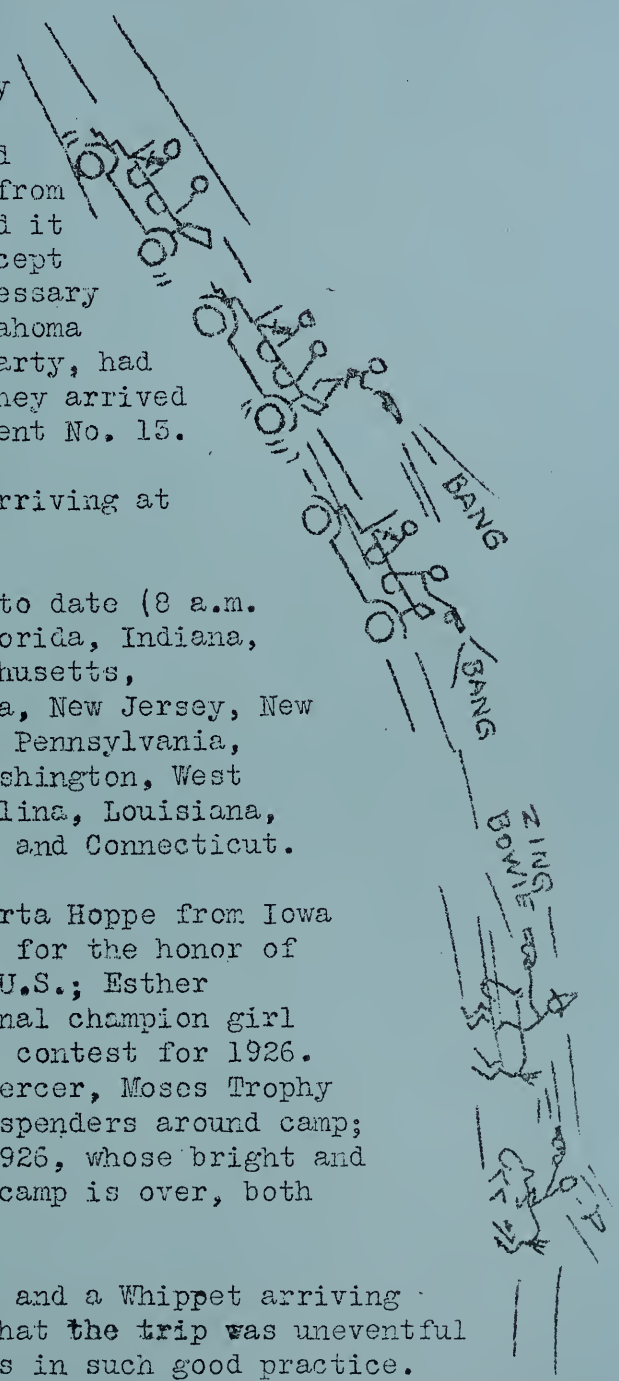
W. M. Jardine



MAP OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GROUNDS

WHO'S HERE AND WHEN

The Oklahoma delegation claims the distinction of being the first to arrive at the camp. They drove through from Oklahoma in three Fords, arriving at 5:20 p.m., Tuesday, June 14. The delegates tell tales of being chased by bandits in Columbus, Ohio, and being escorted out of that city by a flock of policemen. At one place in the mountains the grade was so steep that the gas wouldn't feed in "Ambition" the "One Dollar Ford," and it was necessary to turn "Ambition" around and back up the hill. "Ambition" is an old, discarded Ford that the Oklahoma 4-H club boys purchased from a junk shop for one dollar. They repaired it and drove to Washington with no trouble except one flat tire and the fact that it was necessary to tighten up the brake bands twice. Oklahoma started on Friday with 13 members in the party, had their only bad luck on June 13, and when they arrived in Washington the girls were assigned to Tent No. 13.



Vermont was second on the ground, arriving at 6:20 Wednesday morning.

The following States have reported to date (8 a.m. Thursday): Arkansas, Alabama, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Tennessee, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, and Connecticut.

Among the notables present are Alberta Hoppe from Iowa who tied with a Mississippi girl last year for the honor of being the healthiest 4-H club girl in the U.S.; Esther Sietmann, also from Iowa who was the national champion girl club leader in the Farm Journal leadership contest for 1926. Among the visiting club members are Ford Mercer, Moses Trophy winner in 1924, the boy wearing the red suspenders around camp; and Frances Smith Moses Trophy winner in 1926, whose bright and smiling face you no doubt will see before camp is over, both from Oklahoma.

Missouri drove through in a Pontiac and a Whippet arriving at 5 p.m. Wednesday. Mr. Martin claimed that the trip was uneventful because he had driven a car so long and was in such good practice.

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More About Who's Here and When

State of Washington arrived under the leadership of R.M.Turner, assistant director of the extension service, who brought one boy and one girl to represent their State. They toured Chicago en route, saw the city from the Chicago Tribune tower and saw Lincoln Park. They are probably farther from home than any other delegation.

Nebraska, Utah, and Iowa ganged up together and toured the world on the way to camp. They spent considerable time in Chicago, Niagara Falls, and Philadelphia, according to Mr. Frisbie.

WANTED -- a bathing suit by a lady any size except Delaware and District of Columbia.

Anne B. Moore,
Tent 39

Massachusetts drove down, got lost in Philadelphia, and had to hire a private guide to show them the way to camp.

Delaware also drove over. Miss Moore of Delaware has asked that this paper carry an add for a bathing suit. She looked all over the State of Delaware and the District of Columbia and couldn't find one to fit. Somebody help her, please!

Florida drove through in two Chevrolets and one Ford and they claim that the Ford was right here on time. There were 11 people in the Florida bunch.

Virginia reports that a newly married couple got on their train at Roanoke amid a shower of rice.

Tennessee claims the tallest boy in the camp in the person of Glenn Mowrey who is 6 feet 2 inches in his stocking feet. Oklahoma claims the largest girl in the person of Thelma McKinney. Ask her for the weight.

Florida boys got lost just as soon as they arrived in Washington. They offer the excuse that some good-looking club girl persuaded them to go down town and get some stamps. Good excuse!

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NEWS ASSIGNMENTS
Friday, June 17

Bird tour - 5:30 - 8 a.m.,
to be reported by Hazel Craig of Arkansas at 8:30-9 a.m.

Mrs. Willebrandt's address - 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.,
to be reported by Pauline Yeiser of Kentucky at 1 to 2 p.m.

Morning tour - 9:45 - 1 p.m.,
to be reported by John Tindall of New Jersey at 1 to 2 p.m.

State leaders' conference
to be reported by Miss Wallace of North Carolina at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Club members' conference
to be reported by Joseph Bumgarner of Illinois and Gladys Bull of Maryland, at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Afternoon tour
to be reported by Melvin Johnson of North Dakota at 8:30 a.m., Saturday.

Campfire meeting
to be reported by Irene Haseman of Minnesota at 8:30 a.m., Saturday

Personals and human interest events
to be reported by Franklin B. Reddout of New York and Lucille Parker of Maine at 1 to 2 p.m. Friday or 8:30 a.m. Saturday

Report at News Headquarters, Tent 2.

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LATE DISPATCH Forty States are now represented at the camp. There are 75 club girls, 72 club boys, 38 men and 32 women, a total, altogether of 265 representatives. (4 p.m., Thursday)

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